

Important Definitions

1. **Storm water** shall mean storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.
2. **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) or Municipal Storm Drain System or Municipal Storm Sewer System** are used interchangeably and shall mean a conveyance or system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water, including any road with a drainage system, municipal street, catch basins, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, ditch, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Acton.
3. **Illicit Discharge** shall mean a direct or indirect discharge to the Municipal Storm Drain System that is not composed entirely of storm-water, except as exempted in Section U9.
4. **Discharge of Pollutants** shall mean the addition from any source of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the Municipal Storm Drain System or into the waters of the United States or Commonwealth from any source.
5. **Pollutant** shall mean any element or property of sewage, agricultural, industrial or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter whether originating at a point or non-point source, that is or may be introduced into the MS4, groundwater or surface water of the Town of Acton.

Pollutants shall include but are not limited to:

- paints, varnishes, and solvents;
- oil and other automotive fluids;
- non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes;
- refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordnances, accumulations and floatables;
- pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;
- hazardous materials and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens;
- dissolved and particulate metals which are not naturally occurring;
- animal wastes;
- rock, sand, salt, soils;
- construction wastes and residues; and
- noxious or offensive matter of any kind.